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FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION ANNOUNCES AGENDA FOR SUMMIT ON LESSONS LEARNED: HURRICANE SEASON 2008

Washington, D.C. – The Federal Communications Commission's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (Bureau) today announced that it will host a Summit on Lessons Learned: Hurricane Season 2008 to be held on Thursday, December 11, 2008, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305).

The Summit will focus on communications and coordination between state, local and federal governments, healthcare and industry in preparation for and response to the 2008 storms. The panel discussions will also highlight ways that communications may be expanded and enhanced in preparing for future storms or other disasters (see detailed agenda below).

The Summit will be open to the public; admittance however will be limited to the seating available. Those individuals who are interested in attending the summit may pre-register on-line at: <http://www.fcc.gov/pshs/summits> . Those who pre-register will be asked to provide their name, title, organization affiliation, and contact information. Individuals may also contact Stephanie Caccamo at 202-418-1812 regarding pre-registration. The deadline for pre-registration is Friday, December 5, 2008. Audio/Video coverage of the meeting will be broadcast live with open captioning over the Internet from the FCC's web page at www.fcc.gov/realaudio . The FCC's web cast is free to the public and does not require pre-registration.

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For additional information about the meeting, please contact Susan McLean at (202) 418-7868 or by email: susan.mclean@fcc.gov .

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SUMMIT ON LESSONS LEARNED: HURRICANE SEASON 2008

Federal Communications Commission (FCC)
Commission Meeting Room (TW-C305)
445 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20554

Thursday, December 11, 2008

9:00 a.m. – **Welcome**

- **Derek Poarch**, Chief, FCC's Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau

9:10 a.m. – **Opening Remarks**

9:25 a.m. – **Overview of FCC's Role in 2008 Hurricane Response**

10:05 a.m. – **Panel One: This panel will focus on local, state and federal response to the 2008 storms. Discussion will focus on government, healthcare and industry interaction and how current plans and systems worked and interacted before, during and after storms or hurricane events.**

Moderator: **Shawn Lapinski**, Associate Chief, Public Communications Outreach and Operations Division, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau

PANELISTS:

- 1) **Ann Arnold**, President, Texas Broadcasters' Association
- 2) **Glenn Cannon**, Assistant Administrator, Disaster Operations Directorate, Federal Emergency Management Agency
- 3) **David Featherston**, Infrastructure & Reliability Division Director & Homeland Security Coordinator, Public Utilities Commission of Texas
- 4) **Steven C. McCraw**, Director, Office of Homeland Security, Office of the Governor (Texas)
- 5) **Jonathan Sturgis**, Chief Financial Officer, San Jacinto Methodist Hospital, Austin, TX
- 6) *Invited: Chief Harold L. Hurtt, Chief of Police, City of Houston*

11:20 a.m. – Break

11:30 a.m. – **Panel Two: This panel will focus on how the lessons learned during the 2008 hurricane season will develop and enhance preparation for future natural and/or man-made disasters. This panel will include government and industry representatives.**

Moderator: **Jeffery Goldthorp**, Division Chief, Communications Systems Analysis Division, Public Safety & Homeland Security Bureau

PANELISTS:

- 1) **Chris Anderson**, Director, Contingency Planning & Incident Management Division, US Department of Homeland Security
- 2) **Jim Bugel**, Assistant Vice President for Public Safety & Homeland Security Policy, AT & T
- 3) **Craig Fugate**, Director, Florida Division of Emergency Management
- 4) **Paul Mallett**, Executive Director, Texas Commission on State Emergency Communications
- 5) **Pat Roberts**, President, Florida Association of Broadcasters

12:45 p.m. – **Closing Remarks**

- **Chief Derek Poarch**

1:00 p.m. – Summit Concludes